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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/612,389	Applicant(s) SEO, SEUNG DON	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy of the National stage Korean Application No. 26634/2003 filed on April 28, 2003 has been received.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant Information Disclosure Statement submitted on October 10, 2003 is acknowledged. Since the submission complies 37CFR 1.97 and 1.98 the references listed therein have been considered.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The **title** of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. "Hermetic Compressor" is a very broad term for the present application; it does not provide any formation about the dampening unit disclosed and claimed in the application.

The following title is suggested: Dampening unit for a Hermetic Compressor.

Appropriate correction is required.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it repeats the title of the application. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seo (Korean Publication Number 2002013355).

With regard to **Claim 1**, Seo discloses a hermetic compressor (Shown in Figure 1) that has a hermetic casing (140, figure 1) to house a drive unit (Shown in Figure 1) to generate drive power (Shown in Figure 1) and a compression unit (120, Shown in Figure 1) to suck and compress the refrigerant gas and a damping unit (The top most embossed section shown in Figure 1, 145 and 143c).

With regard to **Claim 2**, in addition to Claim 1, Seo discloses that the casing of the hermetic compressor comprises of lower (141, Figure 1) and bottom (143, Figure 1) parts and had 1 damping unit (As shown in Figure 1).

With regard to **Claim 3**, in addition to Claim 1, Seo discloses that the damping unit has a mounting part and elastic support part as shown in Figures 2 and 3. Mounting part is

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the raised outer edge that connects upper shell (43) and the portion (45) and it is integrally formed to elastically support the structure.

Claim Objections

Claim 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vikansha S. Dwivedi whose telephone number is 571-272-7834. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy S. Thorpe can be reached on 571-272-4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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